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In re Application of:	Schubart et al.
Serial No.:	09/981,397
Filed:	October 16, 2001
Entitled:	CELLULAR KINASES INVOLVED IN CYTOMEGALOVIRUS INFECTION AND THEIR INHIBITION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is filed concurrently with a signed oath or declaration, a statement under 37 CFR 1.821(f), (g), 1.825(b), a Sequence Listing and a copy of the Sequence Listing in computer readable form under 37 CFR 1.821(e) in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts issued January 18, 2002 in the above-identified application. The response to the Notice to File Missing Parts is being submitted with a petition to extend the time for filing a response by one month and the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1). Accordingly, the new response deadline is April 18, 2002.

Kindly amend the specification as set forth below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 35, delete the paragraph beginning at line 6 and replace it with the following paragraph:

21 For construction of a recombination vector, two linker sequences were inserted into the pBlueScribe vector pBS+ (Stratagene): the first contained restriction sites for NheI, SpeI, PaeI and BglI followed by a loxP sequence (ATAACTTCGTATAGCATACATTATACGAAGTTAT) (SEQ ID NO:6) and was introduced into PstI/XbaI sites of the vector; the second contained another loxP